

City of Rock Springs    )  
County of Sweetwater   )  
State of Wyoming        )

City Council met in regular session on May 4, 2021. Mayor Timothy A. Kaumo called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Members present included Councilors Tim Savage, Jeannie Demas, Rob Zotti, David Halter, Brent Bettolo, and Keaton West. Tim Robinson and Larry Hickerson were absent from the meeting. Department Heads present included Rick Beckwith, Paul Kauchich, Dave Lansang, Matthew L. McBurnett, Dwane Pacheco, and Jim Wamsley. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Revised Agenda**

Moved by Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Demas to approve the Revised Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Halter to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2021; and Special City Council Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Board of Adjustment—Jim Blazovich, 1st Term**

Moved by Councilor Bettolo, seconded by Councilor Demas to approve the appointment of Jim Blazovich to a first term on the Board of Adjustment. Upon roll call, the following voted in favor: Councilors Savage, Demas, Zotti, Halter, Bettolo, and West. Motion carried unanimously.

**Board of Adjustment—Sue Lozier, 1st Term**

Moved by Councilor Halter, seconded by Councilor Bettolo to approve the appointment of Sue Lozier to a first term on the Board of Adjustment. Upon roll call, the following voted in favor: Councilors Savage, Demas, Zotti, Halter, Bettolo, and West. Motion carried unanimously.

**Historic Preservation Committee—David Johnson**

Moved by Councilor Savage, seconded by Councilor Halter to approve the appointment of David Johnson to the Historic Preservation Committee. Upon roll call, the following voted in favor: Councilors Savage, Demas, Zotti, Halter, Bettolo, and West. Motion carried unanimously.

**Sweetwater County Water Users Coalition Committee—Bryan Seppie (Contingent upon approval of Resolution #2021-63)**

Moved by Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Demas to approve the appointment of Bryan Seppie to the Sweetwater County Water Users Coalition Committee. Upon roll call, the

following voted in favor: Councilors Savage, Demas, Zotti, Halter, Bettolo, and West. Motion carried unanimously.

**Sweetwater County Water Users Coalition Committee—Eddie Baker, Joint Appointment (Contingent upon approval of Resolution #2021-63)**

Moved by Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Demas to approve the joint appointment of Eddie Baker to the Sweetwater County Water Users Coalition Committee. Upon roll call, the following voted in favor: Councilors Savage, Demas, Zotti, Halter, Bettolo, and West. Motion carried unanimously.

**Sweetwater County Water Users Coalition Committee—Richard Mathey, Joint Appointment (Contingent upon approval of Resolution #2021-63)**

Moved by Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Demas to approve the joint appointment of Richard Mathey to the Sweetwater County Water Users Coalition Committee. Upon roll call, the following voted in favor: Councilors Savage, Demas, Zotti, Halter, Bettolo, and West. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

**Economic Development Week—May 9-15, 2021**

Kayla McDonald, Economic Development Director at Sweetwater County Land Use Office thanked the City for its support. Jenissa Meredith shared some economic impact numbers that were recently released. The Dean Grunyan Report showed that tourism in Sweetwater County was valued at \$122.6 million in 2020, which is down from 2019. Jobs in Sweetwater County are down. Travel is down as well, but the statistics are still significant. A video regarding economic development in Sweetwater County was shown. Mayor Kaumo stated that the three entities go hand in hand: Sweetwater Travel & Tourism, Western Wyoming Community College, and the Sweetwater Economic Development Coalition. Ms. Meredith thanked Mayor Kaumo for reading a Travel & Tourism Week proclamation this week. Mayor Kaumo added that he is looking forward to an aggressive summer with regard to tourism and economic development, with last year's numbers at almost half a million visitors despite the pandemic, the hope is that those statistics will only improve this summer. Mayor Kaumo proclaimed the week of May 9-15, 2021 as Economic Development Week. He reminded individuals of the importance of the celebration of economic development week. Travel & tourism is an important generator of revenue for our state. People must pass through our area to get to many places, as there are major corridors that run through our area.

**PETITIONS**

No comments were received.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS**

**Joint Powers Telecom Board Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2021**

**Joint Powers Combined Communication Board Meeting Minutes of March 29, 2021**

**Main Street Board Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2021**

Councilor West added that things are beginning to progress with the specific purpose tax. He has received a couple of phone calls from the Sweetwater County Commissioners to find out where the City of Rock Springs stands with the specific purpose tax at this time. He feels it would be prudent for Rock Springs to hold a workshop with department heads to revisit the list that was established before Rock Springs' participation was rescinded in 2020. Mayor Kaumo also feels that a meeting would be a good idea, to discuss any changes from the last list and to prioritize projects, and put a limit on what we feel is acceptable. A workshop will be scheduled soon.

Moved by Councilor Bettolo, seconded by Councilor Zotti to approve the Council Committee and Board Reports and place them on file. Motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Letter from the Actor's Mission regarding the first Mayors Arts Awards**

**Letter from the International Day Committee thanking the City for its sponsorship of the 2021 International Day event taking place on July 10, 2021**

Moved by Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Demas to approve the Correspondence and place on file. Motion carried unanimously.

**BILLS AND CLAIMS**

**Bills and Claims for May 4, 2021**

|                                  |                    |            |
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| VSP of Wyoming                   | Vision Share Plan  | \$2,847.19 |
| ABI Winterhawk Recovery          | Housing Assistance | \$282.00   |
| All West Communications          | Cable Services     | \$146.67   |
| Amazon Capital Services          | Parts & Supplies   | \$874.66   |
| Amundsen Construction            | Utility Refund     | \$42.56    |
| Aspen Construction               | Labor & Services   | \$280.00   |
| Aspen Mountain Plumbing LLC      | Labor & Services   | \$776.00   |
| Best Value Rentals LLC           | Housing Assistance | \$382.00   |
| Bitter Creek Brewing             | Performance Meal   | \$58.00    |
| Bookcliff Sales INC              | Parts & Supplies   | \$57.80    |
| Brett or Lexie Karskey           | Utility Refund     | \$16.59    |
| Buller, Dalton                   | Reimbursement      | \$124.85   |
| Carrington Pointe Apartments LLC | Housing Assistance | \$4,216.00 |
| Century Equipment Company INC    | Parts & Supplies   | \$33.45    |
| CenturyLink                      | Telephone Utility  | \$905.06   |

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| Certified Laboratories            | Chemicals            | \$409.00     |
| Chip or Kelly Jordan              | Utility Refund       | \$96.59      |
| City of Rock Springs              | Health Insurance     | \$336,749.03 |
| Clear Vision Golf Cart Covers     | Golf Merchandise     | \$744.48     |
| Cobra Puma Golf INC               | Golf Merchandise     | \$1,357.89   |
| CollinsFlags.com                  | Flags                | \$576.25     |
| Copier & Supply Co INC of RS      | Copier Maintenance   | \$123.05     |
| Covey, Ronald or Anne             | Housing Assistance   | \$1,223.00   |
| Crum Electric Supply Co INC       | Equipment            | \$15,765.12  |
| Dallas or Amanda Buller           | Utility Refund       | \$65.04      |
| Desert View Animal Hospital       | Veterinary Services  | \$196.55     |
| Doheny's Water Warehouse          | Pool Paint           | \$1,439.88   |
| Dominion Energy                   | Natural Gas Utility  | \$30,465.74  |
| Dustbusters Enterprises, INC      | Road Salt            | \$4,975.20   |
| Dynamic Brands LLC                | Golf Merchandise     | \$203.00     |
| Eaton Sales & Service LLC         | Labor & Services     | \$1,188.45   |
| Ed Jones CO                       | Police Supplies      | \$315.50     |
| Elwood Staffing Services INC      | Temp Staff           | \$18,263.56  |
| Emden, Marianne                   | Housing Assistance   | \$664.00     |
| Environmental Express INC         | Chemicals            | \$380.05     |
| Environmental Resource Associates | Laboratory Materials | \$698.95     |
| Evident Crime Scene Products      | Police Supplies      | \$1,042.36   |
| Faigl, David B.                   | Housing Assistance   | \$429.00     |
| Fastenal Company                  | Parts & Supplies     | \$968.55     |
| Foot Joy                          | Golf Merchandise     | \$133.44     |
| Forsgren Associates               | Contract Agreement   | \$2,540.00   |
| Fortuna, John A.                  | Housing Assistance   | \$38.00      |
| Fossen, Michele                   | Housing Assistance   | \$587.00     |
| Galls, LLC                        | Police Supplies      | \$84.26      |
| Gear for Sports                   | Golf Merchandise     | \$349.82     |
| Gently Touch Dry Cleaning         | Labor & Services     | \$31.80      |
| Gregory Rentals                   | Housing Assistance   | \$525.00     |
| Hall, Anthony                     | Reimbursement        | \$37.84      |
| High Desert Police K9 Association | Membership Renewal   | \$175.00     |
| Homax Oil Sales INC               | Gas, Oil & Lube      | \$1,053.55   |
| Honnen Equipment Co               | Parts & Supplies     | \$76.30      |
| In The Swim                       | Chemicals            | \$1,034.91   |
| James Crisler                     | Utility Refund       | \$45.93      |
| James Rhea                        | Utility Refund       | \$123.69     |

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| Jared Brough                    | Utility Refund      | \$105.15     |
| JME Fire Protection INC         | Annual Inspections  | \$185.45     |
| Joe's Pet Depot                 | Animal Supplies     | \$53.35      |
| Johansen, Georgette M.          | Housing Assistance  | \$10.00      |
| Jonathan or Alyssa Olds         | Utility Refund      | \$79.45      |
| Kevin Bjorklund                 | Utility Refund      | \$422.97     |
| Kimberly Circle Apts            | Housing Assistance  | \$581.00     |
| KTM Properties                  | Housing Assistance  | \$797.00     |
| Lapp, Scott                     | Reimbursement       | \$100.00     |
| Life Assist, INC                | Fire Supplies       | \$636.75     |
| MARC                            | Chemicals           | \$659.57     |
| Maria Chavez                    | Utility Refund      | \$120.91     |
| Matthew Bender                  | Education           | \$378.09     |
| Memorial Hosp of SW CTY         | Legal Draws         | \$410.00     |
| Michael Williams                | Utility Refund      | \$20.15      |
| Miller, Delma                   | Deposit Refund      | \$239.00     |
| MNT Investments LLC             | Housing Assistance  | \$566.00     |
| Model Signs                     | Signage             | \$185.87     |
| Motorola Solutions              | Police Supplies     | \$115,614.82 |
| Nicholas, Gary                  | Housing Assistance  | \$1,622.00   |
| Nu-Art Memorial Co              | Grave Stone Repair  | \$6,635.00   |
| Nu-Tech Specialties INC         | Janitorial Supplies | \$172.87     |
| O'Farrell, Timothy J.           | Housing Assistance  | \$338.00     |
| Office of State Lands & Invest  | Loan Payment        | \$157,149.58 |
| One Call Of Wyoming             | Call Tickets        | \$124.50     |
| Papa Murphy's Take N Bake Pizza | Hockey Tournament   | \$282.00     |
| Pasco Mecca                     | Utility Refund      | \$45.15      |
| Patterson Veterinary Supply INC | Veterinary Supplies | \$502.17     |
| Pedri Investments LLC           | Housing Assistance  | \$485.00     |
| Phillip or Joann Parnell        | Utility Refund      | \$30.65      |
| Ping INC                        | Golf Merchandise    | \$560.40     |
| Pioneer Gasket of Wyoming INC   | Parts & Supplies    | \$77.40      |
| PMS Custom Screen Printing      | Birthday T Shirts   | \$800.00     |
| Porter, Doug                    | Housing Assistance  | \$50.00      |
| Power Engineering Co            | Chiller Service     | \$307.00     |
| Prichard Crane Service          | Labor & Services    | \$1,300.00   |
| Prorider INC                    | Police Supplies     | \$1,790.70   |
| Ray Richardson                  | Utility Refund      | \$25.15      |
| Real Kleen Janitorial           | Janitorial Supplies | \$684.45     |

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| Reeve's CO INC                   | Police Supplies      | \$38.87     |
| Rock Springs Creekside Apts      | Housing Assistance   | \$3,511.00  |
| Rock Springs IV Center           | Fire Supplies        | \$24.79     |
| Rock Springs Pet Hospital LLC    | Veterinary Services  | \$224.00    |
| Rock Springs Winlectric          | Parts & Supplies     | \$1,877.43  |
| Rock-N-Rescue                    | Parts & Supplies     | \$1,730.00  |
| Rocky Mtn.Competitive Sol. LLC   | Copier Maintenance   | \$177.98    |
| Rocky Mountain Power             | Electric Utility     | \$53,278.68 |
| Royal Flush Advertising          | Advertising          | \$4,156.25  |
| RS Apartments LLC                | Housing Assistance   | \$978.00    |
| RS Refrigeration                 | Parts & Supplies     | \$181.24    |
| RS Sweetwater CTY Airport        | Contract Agreement   | \$24,036.09 |
| Sam Delbridge                    | Utility Refund       | \$31.94     |
| Sanchez, Jeremy                  | Housing Assistance   | \$175.00    |
| Schofield, Victoria              | Legal Fees           | \$355.00    |
| Self, Tim                        | Housing Assistance   | \$451.00    |
| Simplot Partners                 | Chemicals            | \$1,540.00  |
| Sirva Relocation Credit LLC      | Utility Refund       | \$58.80     |
| Smart Dwellings LLC              | Utility Refund       | \$26.82     |
| Southwest Real Estate            | Housing Assistance   | \$6,292.00  |
| Staples                          | Office Supplies      | \$500.73    |
| Steven Lye                       | Utility Refund       | \$16.26     |
| Stryker                          | Fire Supplies        | \$2,691.00  |
| Sun Life Financial               | Life Insurance       | \$1,505.76  |
| Sweetwater Co Weed & Pest        | Chemicals            | \$2,087.25  |
| Sweetwater County Clerk          | Dues                 | \$75.00     |
| Sweetwater County School Dist #1 | Printing Services    | \$27.45     |
| Sweetwater County Solid Waste    | Waste Disposal       | \$1.00      |
| SW Events Complex Foundation     | Firework Sponsorship | \$4,000.00  |
| Sweetwater Heights               | Housing Assistance   | \$1,445.00  |
| Sydnee Fortuna or Mike Ernster   | Utility Refund       | \$31.87     |
| Taylor Made Golf Co INC          | Golf Merchandise     | \$2,281.51  |
| The Village at Silver Ridge      | Housing Assistance   | \$1,005.00  |
| Titleist                         | Golf Merchandise     | \$2,521.03  |
| Tolar, Andrew W.                 | Housing Assistance   | \$23.00     |
| Trevor or Tricia Mansfield       | Utility Refund       | \$25.15     |
| Trinh or Melanie Nguyen          | Utility Refund       | \$25.15     |
| Tyler Technologies INC           | Software Maint.      | \$6,003.94  |
| Union Pacific Railroad           | Land Lease           | \$6,149.37  |

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| United Site Services             | Portable Restrooms | \$1,044.85   |
| UPS                              | Shipping           | \$142.26     |
| USPS                             | Postage            | \$2,000.00   |
| Verizon Wireless                 | Cell Phone Utility | \$5,900.52   |
| Vigil, Ernie F.                  | Refund             | \$412.50     |
| W.C.D.A.                         | Utility Refund     | \$14.04      |
| Walmart Community BRC            | Parts & Supplies   | \$2,512.71   |
| Weed Management Solutions        | Contract Agreement | \$30,968.84  |
| Williams, Penny                  | Housing Assistance | \$175.00     |
| Willow Street Rentals            | Housing Assistance | \$759.00     |
| Wyo State Board of Pharmacy      | Membership Renewal | \$320.00     |
| Wyoming Dept of Agriculture      | License Fees       | \$300.00     |
| WY First Aid & Safety Supply LLC | First Aid Supplies | \$74.97      |
|                                  | Total:             | \$904,552.21 |

**Report Checks for April 22, 2021**

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| Internal Revenue Service        | EFT                 | \$155,503.97 |
| AXA - Equitable                 | EE Deferred         | \$137.50     |
| Sweetwater County Circuit Court | EE Garnishment      | \$919.01     |
| Miscellaneous Reimbursement     | Allred              | \$874.61     |
| ICMA                            | EFT                 | \$3,178.39   |
| Nationwide Insurance            | EE Deferred         | \$20.00      |
| Ivy                             | EE Deferred         | \$887.50     |
| Ivy                             | Section 529 Plan    | \$525.00     |
| Great West Retirement           | EE Deferred EFT     | \$9,661.46   |
| Great West Retirement           | Post Tax EFT        | \$585.00     |
| Flexible Spending Account/BCBS  | EE BCBS Flexshare   | \$13,323.19  |
| Wyoming Child Support           | Child Support Pmts. | \$1,679.50   |
|                                 | Total:              | \$187,295.13 |

Moved by Councilor Demas, seconded by Councilor Zotti to approve the bills and claims for May 4, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

**Salaries for April 22, 2021: \$704,293.68**

Moved by Councilor Demas, seconded by Councilor Zotti to approve the salaries for April 22, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of the Preliminary Budget for the City of Rock Springs for the period ending June 30, 2022**

Moved by Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Demas to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

**Request from the Finance Department for permission to dispose of surplus property**

Moved by Councilor Bettolo, seconded by Councilor Demas to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

**Request from the Engineering/Operations & Public Services Department for permission to fill a vacant Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator I position at the Water Reclamation Facility**

Moved by Councilor Demas, seconded by Councilor West to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

**Request from the Fire Department for permission to fill a vacant Battalion Chief position**

Moved by Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Demas to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

**Request from the Fire Department for permission to fill two vacant Captain positions**

Moved by Councilor Demas, seconded by Councilor Halter to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

**Request from the Fire Department for permission to fill two vacant Firefighter positions**

Moved by Councilor Savage, seconded by Councilor Bettolo to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Zotti thanked Tony Colbert and Ron Gatti for their service at the Fire Department. Mayor Kaumo added that they have made such a ripple, and the City is losing so much knowledge with Mr. Colbert and Mr. Gatti leaving. He also thanked them for their service to the City.

**Request from the Parks & Recreation Department for permission to apply for a Wyoming Community Foundation Grant to replace playground equipment at Bunning Park, and to purchase one inflatable bounce house and equipment for the Wibit at the Civic Center**

Moved by Councilor Bettolo, seconded by Councilor Demas to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

**Request from Lew's Inc. for a Liquor Catering Permit for the Alex McCurtain Wedding on June 5, 2021 from 2 p.m.—midnight at the Bunning Hall**



Moved by Councilor Demas, seconded by Councilor West to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

**Request from Black Rock, Inc. for a Liquor Catering Permit for the American Legion Riders Poker Run on June 12, 2021 from 9 a.m.—11 p.m. at the Old Legion Hall, 543 Broadway**

Moved by Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Demas to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

**Request from the American Legion Riders, Post 24 for a road closure for the 15th Annual Charity Run on June 12, 2021, from 501 Main Street to the corner of South Main and E Street, from 9 a.m.—10 p.m.**

Moved by Councilor Demas, seconded by Councilor Bettolo to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

**Request from Sweetwater Against Trafficking for road closures for the 14th Annual Rods and Rails Car Show on June 19, 2021, to include North Front Street from the Park Hotel to K Street and the North Front parking lot, and J Street from North Front Street to 5th Street, from 7 a.m.—5 p.m.**

Moved by Councilor Demas, seconded by Councilor Zotti to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2021-63** A RESOLUTION RESCINDING THE CITY’S PARTICIPATION IN THE STEERING COMMITTEE OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE COMMUNITIES PROTECTING THE GREEN” AND ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A NEW COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING, THE CITY OF GREEN RIVER, WYOMING AND SWEETWATER COUNTY, WYOMING AND FORMING THE NEW “SWEETWATER COUNTY WATER USERS COALITION”, was read by title.

Moved by Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Bettolo to approve Resolution 2021-63. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Councilor Savage, Demas, Zotti, Halter, Bettolo, West, and Mayor Kaumo. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2021-64** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT ONE TO THE GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT BETWEEN WYOMING OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, AND AUTHORIZING TIMOTHY A. KAUMO, AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING, AND MATTHEW L. MCBURNETT, AS CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, TO EXECUTE SAID AMENDMENT ONE ON BEHALF OF SAID CITY, was read by title.

Moved by Councilor Demas, seconded by Councilor Halter to approve Resolution 2021-64. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Councilor Savage, Demas, Zotti, Halter, Bettolo, West, and Mayor Kaumo. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance 2021-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 10-1 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING, ENTITLED “LIQUOR LICENSE”,** was read by title on second reading.

Moved by Councilor Demas seconded by Councilor Halter to approve Ordinance 2021-03. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Councilor Savage, Demas, Zotti, Halter, Bettolo, West, and Mayor Kaumo. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance 2021-04 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 5-2, ENTITLED “OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES”,** OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING, was read by title on second reading.

**Ordinance 2021-05 AN ORDINANCE CREATING ARTICLE 10-10, “SHARED ELECTRIC SCOOTER PROGRAM”, WITHIN CHAPTER X, “ISSUANCE AND REGULATION OF LICENSES AND PERMITS”,** OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING, was read by title on second reading.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Council President

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor